Dear Families of Chisholm,

This Friday 8th August, the children and staff at Chisholm will be celebrating the Feast of St Mary MacKillop with a whole school Mass at 9:00am. Like many young people today Mary MacKillop was a young woman who dreamt of making a difference in the world. Her greatest appeal was that she was an ordinary person who dared to stand up for the poor and vulnerable in her community. She dared to love others equally with a deep understanding of God’s love for all. Her courage and confidence in this love enabled her to achieve extraordinary things in her life. She established a Catholic school system for the children of poor and isolated families in the Australian Colony and at the age of twenty four she set up a new Religious Order, the Sisters of St Joseph, whose community of sisters is still active in serving the needs of struggling people today. I often like to reflect on these, her words: ‘If we have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us.’ (1890) I would like to extend to you all a warm welcome to join us in this celebration of a truly remarkable Australian woman.

God of love, You have given us Saint Mary MacKillop to encourage and inspire us
Mary, Your faith was tried like gold in fire: Pray for us
You were confident in God’s providence: Pray for us
You lived the gospel bravely: Pray for us
You knew the cross of misunderstanding and pain: Pray for us
You reached out to most in need: Pray for us
You are our companion in hope: Pray for us
We ask that you pray for needs of our community.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ and the spirit of communion.
Amen

God Bless

Keiran Byrnes
FROM THE REC

Sunday Mass at Chisholm
Mass is held here at Chisholm every Sunday at 9:30am. Each Sunday, a small community gathers together in the school MPA to celebrate Mass, followed by a light morning tea.

Over the last two weeks our students in Year 5 have been confirmed at St Matthew’s by Fr. Chris De Souza VG EV representing Bishop Anthony Fisher. Fr. Chris explained to the candidates how the Oil of Chrism is like the wrapping paper around a gift because when it is used to anoint them, they themselves are the gift and formed in the image of God. We congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey.

Over the next 4 weeks there are families in our community who are preparing their children for Baptism using the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children. They will meet each Tuesday at 3.15 in the Learning Centre. The children in this program, who attend Chisholm, are Cameron and Marcus Spiteri, Kirrily and Rhiannan Moss, Bella and Jade Zammit as well as their younger siblings.

If there are any other families who wish to have their children baptized please see me as soon as possible.

Marilyn Hancock – Religious Education Co-ordinator

WALKATHON 2014 – THANKS!

A huge thank you, to the wonderful team of parents who put their time into preparing and organising this year’s Walkathon fund raiser. It was a fun community event that saw children, teachers and parents dress as their favourite Super Hero.

There were many helpers on the day who walked, supervised and cooked to make the day a success. A delicious sausage sizzle was enjoyed by everyone and the community spirit on the day was special. Thank you all.

Many families have returned their sponsorship money and we are continuing with our incentive raffle draws with many children winning prizes at recent assemblies.

Keep returning sponsor cards and money so more names can go into the big draw for the lapd mini. A number of classes have raised over $1000 each and will be having a special pizza lunch to celebrate.

Thanks to all our families for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to develop the learning technology and resources available to all the classes across the school with your help.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Please note that The Working With Children Check has moved to a new website:

kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

All volunteers / parent helpers are now to use this new website. The new updated site is easy to navigate and access information.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the school front office if you have any concerns.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION OF STUDENTS

To assist in the safe drop off and collection of students’ parents are reminded that

- Supervision before school begins at 8.15am
- Children arriving before supervision begins sit and wait in the designated paved playground
- Classes begin at 8.45am
- Parents using the kiss and drop area need to exercise caution and assist traffic flow by moving to the closest available space at the front of the line
- Parents meet their children in one of three designated areas in the afternoons
  1. Parent retreat
  2. Silver seats – Paved playground
  3. Silver seats – Undercover area

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

2015 applications are now closing interviews have been conducted with the aim that they will be completed shortly. Parents still wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten 2015 are urged to submit their enrolments promptly. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at Chisholm, now is the time to remind them to place their applications at the school office.

CEO AND DIOCESAN EVENTS

Faith at the Fiddler: 28 August
A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney’s most famous pub. This month’s speaker is Fr Brendan Purcell. Topic: ‘From Big Bang to Big Mystery – Human Origins in light of Creation and Evolution’. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta.

Date: Thursday 28 August 2014, 5pm-7pm.

Venue: The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.

Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

‘Marriage – A Vocation to Love’: 24 August
The second diocesan Faith in Marriage Conference is organised by CatholicCare Parramatta. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage, this conference is for married couples, engaged couples and any individual interested in marriage.

Program: Opening & Blessing, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP; Ray Reid Memorial Lecture, Dr Ryan Messmore; Keynotes Prof Neil Ormerod and Ms Jo Lamble. Speakers will share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages.

Date: Sunday 24 August 2014, 9.30am-4.30pm.

Venue: Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta.

Registration: $25 per person ($50 per couple) includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and is payable prior to the Conference. To register tel (02) 9933 0222,

marriage@csss.org.au
Mark this date in your Calendar
Friday 5th September
Father’s Day Celebrations
At Chisholm

The Chisholm Community Group would like to invite all Dads, Grandparents, caretakers and children to join us for these special Father’s Day celebrations
7.45 – 8.45am BBQ Breakfast with children
8.15 - 8.45am Open Classroom
9.15am Father’s Day Liturgy

We hope to see you there!!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Most students have now completed the PRC for 2014. There are some who have been reading, but not updated their Reading Log online.
There are 2 weeks left to get all titles entered.
If students do not have all titles entered, they will not receive their certificate.
Please see Mrs Lark if you need any help.

Week 9 is Book Week!!!
Yesterday a flyer went home to promote our annual Book Fair and Book Character mufti day. We need some parent volunteers to assist Mrs Lark in selling items at the Book Fair.
If you are interested, please fill out the form and send though the office bags.
This year’s Book Week will be a very exciting time with daily Book Readings, Shared Readings in classrooms, our Parade, Book Fair and a very special Author visit. I can’t wait!!

Book Character Mufti Day
Wednesday 10th September 2014
Book Character Parade
HUGE Book Fair in the Library
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
All students are encouraged to come dressed as characters.
Pre-schoolers and younger siblings are more than welcome
To join us in costume!
And just wait until you see your Teachers!!
Here are a few ideas to get you thinking:
Super Heroes - Superman, Spiderman, Batman, X-Men
Dr Seuss - Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 & Thing 2, Lorax, Grinch
Harry Potter - Harry, Ron, Hermione, Dumbledore, Hagrid, McGonagall
Lord Of The Rings - Hobbits, Orcs, Gandalf, Elves
Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel, Snow White, The Little Mermaid, Cinderella - In Rags, At the Ball, Ugly Stepsisters
Peter Pan - Peter, Tinkerbelle, Captain Hook
Monsters - Dracula, Frankenstein’s Monster, Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde
Nursery Rhymes - Mary & her Little Lamb, Humpty Dumpty, Jack & Jill, Inky Winky Spider
Aladdin & his Magic Lamp
Goldilocks & the Three Bears
A non-fiction subject - sport, RAAF, motorsport, etc
The only limit is your Imagination!
SEE YOU THERE!!

Fiona Lark - Teacher Librarian

SPORT

Infants Sports Day
Last Friday under windy conditions the students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the annual infants sports day. It was a day filled with games and fun activities. The aims of the day were to be active and compete with sportsmanship both of which were achieved.
Thank you to everyone involved in organising the day and helping to make the day a success. Especially the parent helpers, teachers and Mrs Barnes who organised the day.
Results: House Team Trophy won by Green
Team Spirit Trophy won by Gold
Karen Baxter & Belinda Barnes – Sport Co-ordinators

THE ENVIRONMENT TEAM ~ TRASH FREE TUESDAY

Just a reminder from the Environment Team that TRASH FREE TUESDAY will continue throughout term 3.
We encourage you to bring containers instead of packets, gladwrap and foil.
We need to reduce our rubbish as well as recycle to help our environment.
The Environment Team

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 3

| Wed  | Aug 6 | Cassie Gill, Sarah Johnston |
| Thurs | Aug 7 | Fiona Barlow, Amanda Allen |
| Fri  | Aug 8 | Kirsty Collins, Serena Tunks, Julie Lavender |
| Mon  | Aug 11 | Rochelle Weller, HELP NEEDED |
| Tue  | Aug 12 | Michelle Dimech, Mel Gardner |
| Wed  | Aug 13 | Tami Adams, Simone Usher |
| Thurs | Aug 14 | Vicky WITHERS, Bridget Walker |
| Fri  | Aug 15 | Tami Adams, Stacy Friday, Carly Vincent |
| Mon  | Aug 18 | Kylie Handfield, Amanda Cauchi |
| Tue  | Aug 19 | Verity Bugeja, Allison Jones |

Thank you to all the parents who helped out in the canteen on Walkathon day and the Infants sports carnival. We couldn’t run these special event days without you.
Sandra Goldsbrough – Canteen Co-ordinator

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday over the next two weeks:
CONFIRMATION is one of the Sacraments of Initiation, which our Year 5 students received over the last two weeks. Our young people worked with their parents in family groups to prepare for this Sacrament. To support the Sacramental program, the teachers in Stage Three taught an RE Unit on Confirmation. Each student chose a saint’s name – a saint to whom they could relate and who inspired them to live a Christian life. The students participated in a workshop day at Chisholm.

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Creator Spirit,
Strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as disciples of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

We are safe, honest, respectful learners!